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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Babak NEMATI

Application No.: 09/777,640

Filed: 7 February 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
ENHANCE OPTICAL TRANSPARENCY OF  
BIOLOGICAL TISSUES

Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: M. Hayes

Att'y. Docket: P66960US2

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed 14 May 2003, the response to which is set to expire on 14 September 2003, with a one month extension of time. The pending claims, claims 37-69, were rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** comprising a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 is attached following page 17 of this paper.

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